

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF HARRY H. HERNDON

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and service of Mr. Harry H. Herndon of Royse City, Texas. Mr. Herndon was born on August 5, 1947, one of four sons of J.E. Burr and Irma Wyatt Herndon.

Mr. Herndon graduated from Royse City High School in 1965 where he was named class favorite, wittiest, and most popular. Additionally, he was a class officer and a star football player for the Bulldogs for four years. Mr. Herndon later attended East Texas State University. On May 29, 1966, he married the love of his life, Virginia Lee Cross, with whom he had one daughter, Tena Michelle.

On October 19, 1967, Mr. Herndon heeded the call to serve his nation in the Vietnam War as a Platoon Sergeant in the 198th Light Infantry Brigade, Company D. During his deployment to Chu Lai, Vietnam, he received several awards, including the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnamese Service Medal, Vietnamese Campaign Medal, and Combat Infantry Badge.

Tragically, Mr. Herndon was mortally wounded in combat on October 18, 1968, while serving on a mission in Quang Tin, Vietnam. He was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his gallantry and wounds in combat. For his heroism and service to our country, Harry H. Herndon Elementary School in Fate, Texas, is dedicated in his honor.

I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize Mr. Herndon's life, valor, and service defending our great Nation.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MRS. MAYRENE BATES

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and lasting contributions of Mrs. Mayrene Bates, longtime Solano County educator and trustee with the Solano Board of Education. Passing away at 88, Mrs. Bates leaves behind an indelible legacy of over fifty years of service to Solano County.

Born in 1934, in a small Tennessee town at the time of racial segregation, Mrs. Bates attended grade school in a one-room schoolhouse. Later, she was forced to travel 32 miles to attend high school, as the segregation laws of the time prohibited her from attending the nearby school. Despite these unjust and adverse beginnings, Mrs. Bates developed a love for learning and eventually earned a

scholarship to the Atlanta University Library School, where she obtained a master's degree in Library Science.

In 1955, Mrs. Bates married James Bates and his service in the Air Force brought them all over the world, ultimately leading them to establish a permanent home in Fairfield. In 1970, Mayrene began working as the librarian at Fairview Elementary School and Grange Intermediate School. She later served as the vice-principal for Crystal Elementary School and Fairfield High School and eventually, as the principal of Crystal Middle School and K.I. Jones Elementary School. In her multitude of roles, Mrs. Bates never failed to prioritize the youth of Solano County and ensure all students in her community had the resources necessary to achieve their full potential.

Following her extensive career with the Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District, Mrs. Bates served as Director, and later as Assistant Superintendent, of the Solano County Office of Education. In 1997, her altruistic passion for supporting the students of Solano County led her to run for the Solano Board of Education, where she served until 2018. Throughout her tenure, she demonstrated steadfast dedication to the young people of her community and consistently advocated for programs to ensure all students have equal access to education.

Mrs. Bates' commitment to her community was expressed both through her decades of public service to Solano County and her vital work as President of the Fairfield-Cordelia Rotary Club and columnist for the Daily Republic. Her willingness to lend an ear and a helping hand to anyone in need earned her the widespread respect and gratitude of her community.

Mrs. Bates will be remembered not only for her decades of service to Solano County, but also for her genuine spirit of kindness and compassion. She impacted the lives of countless students and educators in her community and her steadfast leadership, constant smile, and patient mentorship undeniably enhanced the lives of her fellow Solano County residents.

Mrs. Bates' enduring spirit will live on in her husband, son, two grandchildren, and the community she dedicated her life to serving. I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Mrs. Bates' loved ones. I know that they, along with the people of Solano County, join me in celebrating her life and legacy.

RECOGNIZING REGISTERED NURSE KRYSTLE M. O'SHAUGHNESSY FOR RECEIVING THE SECRETARY'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN NURSING

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Registered Nurse Krystle M.

O'Shaughnessy for receiving the Secretary's Award for Excellence in Nursing. Every year since 1984, the Department of Veterans Affairs has awarded several outstanding individuals with this great honor. These individuals are directors, nursing executives, registered nurses, licensed practical or vocational nurses, and nursing assistants, all actively involved in patient care. They are nominated by their peers and go through a rigorous review process.

This year, one of the awardees is New Hampshire's very own Krystle M. O'Shaughnessy. In her role as an LPN, Krystle served as the first point of contact for Veterans participating in the Home Telehealth program. This program has become well known in the Veteran community for its patient-driven care, health education, and effective management of patient diseases. During staff shortages at the VAMC, Krystle took on the extra job of managing telehealth compliance, ensuring that all Veterans were seen on time and taken care of, including COVID patients who needed close monitoring.

I look forward to seeing all that Krystle and the Manchester VAMC accomplish in the years to come. I am confident that the Veterans of Manchester, and all of New Hampshire, will continue to benefit from Krystle's hard work. On behalf of the constituents of New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I commend Krystle for receiving this high honor, and I commend her fellow staff for making the Manchester VAMC a reliable and trusted health care partner for NH Veterans. I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

CELEBRATING THE INCREDIBLE LIFE OF MRS. PATRICIA JOYCE SAUL ROCHON

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize New Orleans' beloved native daughter, wife, mother, true friend and confidant to many. Mrs. Patricia Joyce Saul Rochon departed this earth in the loving arms of her devoted family after a courageous and determined fight against metastatic cancer. She died on March 13, 2023, her 77th birthday, at Yale's Smilow Cancer Center in New Haven, Connecticut.

On March 21, 2023, Mrs. Rochon would have celebrated her 53rd wedding anniversary with her loving husband, Dr. Gilbert Rochon III, the 6th President of Tuskegee University; where Mrs. Rochon proudly served as Tuskegee University's First Lady.

Mrs. Rochon completed her early education in 1963 at St. Mary's Academy in New Orleans, LA. Four years later she graduated from Xavier University of Louisiana. Upon graduation she was accepted into and later graduated from Yale University's School of Drama,

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where she received her MFA in 1975. She also studied Communications at the Pennsylvania State University's College of Communications.

During her 16 years at Dillard University, Mrs. Rochon chaired the Department of Mass Communications. She later held a faculty appointment at the College of Communications at Purdue University. Mrs. Rochon was also an Emmy Award winning television news producer. She produced an array of television shows, which included, *Fast Track*, *Fast Track Te Informa*, *Primetime* and the New England Regional Emmy Award winning "Best Target Audience Series" *Urban Update* and *Black News*.

Mrs. Rochon is survived by her husband, Gilbert Rochon III, PhD, MPH; their daughter, Hildred Sarah Rochon, MD, MPH, MBA; their son, Emile Saul Rochon, MD; daughter-in-law, Jalelah Sophia Ahmed, MIA; son-in-law, Lillard Royal Lewis, Jr., MBA; grandson's Jayden Royal Lewis and Jameson Ramon Lewis; sisters, Anna Lois Saul Harrison and Margaret Ethel Saul Bordenave; brother, Herman James Saul, Jr.; brothers-in-law, Richard David Harrison; RADM Stephen Wayne Rochon, (RET.), Gregory Paul Rochon, Brandon Pierre Rochon; sisters-in-law, Sheryl Saul, Shirley Rochon and Janet Oliver Rochon; cousins Dr. Claudia Phillips Joplin, Dr. Michele Louise Phillips Pointer, Myra E. Phillips, JD and a host of beloved nephews, nieces and cousins!

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herman James Saul, Sr. and Louise Phillips Saul; Aunts, Magnettie Saul Perrault, Beulah Saul, Malcolm Saul, Florence Saul, Edith Saul; Uncles, Wallace Saul, Godfrey Saul, Dr. George Martin Phillips, Aunt Wimberly Ruth Phillips; Cousins George Martin Phillips Jr., Dr. Deborah Phillips Theado; sisters-in-law, Alexis Rochon, Dr. Melanie Rochon Bush; brothers-in-law Christopher Joseph Bordenave, III, Evan Ashley Rochon; grandmothers; Sarah Anna Merritt, Claudia Ethel Gates Phillips Tunnage and Marguerite Toye Saul; grandfathers, Joseph Saul and Thomas Phillips.

Patricia will forever be remembered as a devoted and loving wife and mother; a strong champion for the societal benefits of higher education; an advocate who served to advance the opportunities of students at Historically Black Colleges and Universities; and a fighter who believed in equitable health care access and equal opportunities for ethnic minorities and women. May she rest in peace and may God's perpetual light shine upon her.

**HONORING THE WORK OF
AMBASSADOR JAVLON VAKHABOV**

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the work of Mr. Javlon Vakhabov, who is retiring from his role as Ambassador of Uzbekistan to the United States, Canada, and Brazil. Javlon was born August 7, 1980, in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, which was at the time the capital of the Uzbek Soviet Socialist Republic.

In 2001, Javlon earned his bachelor's degree in International Law from the University

of World Economy and Diplomacy. Subsequently, he graduated in 2003 from the University of World Economy and Diplomacy with his master's degree in International Law.

Javlon joined the Uzbek Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2001, serving early career assignments as an attaché, 3rd secretary, and chief of division. In 2006, President Islam Karimov appointed Javlon to the Uzbek National Security Council, serving as leading consultant and as head consultant until 2011, when he was promoted to deputy secretary of the Council. For most of 2013, Javlon served as director of the Institute for Strategic and Inter-Regional Research, a government-funded think tank in Tashkent. In November of 2013, Javlon became one of the leadership team at the Foreign Ministry, as one of four deputy ministers of foreign affairs. On July 29, 2015, he was promoted to first deputy minister of foreign affairs, the title he held when he was appointed ambassador to the United States.

He has served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the United States of America since late 2017. Since late 2018, he has served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Uzbekistan to Canada with residence in Washington, D.C.

I thank him for his leadership and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

**RECOGNIZING MARCH 27TH TO
MARCH 31ST AS NATIONAL AREA
HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS
(AHEC) WEEK**

HON. SUSIE LEE

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mrs. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize March 27th to March 31st as National Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Week.

The AHEC program was originally authorized in 1971 to enhance the workforce of health professionals who staff brick-and-mortar Community Health Centers. Today, Area Health Education Centers (AHECs) offer hands-on and innovative health career curricula for pre-college level students, and are committed to continuing education, clinical training of health professionals and responding to community health needs. The nation's 300 AHECs are in nearly every state and in multiple U.S. territories. Administered by the HRSA, AHECs are federally funded, and many are also supported by state governments, foundations, or other partners.

AHEC clinical training placements put health professional students in a variety of real-world settings, such as migrant, urban, and rural community health clinics and health departments that provide healthcare to rural and underserved populations. Connecting students to community populations helps facilitate future engagement and help build network alliances for health career students who wish to remain in their clinical practice regions and continue providing more sustainable healthcare in rural and underserved areas following their training.

AHECs are also responsive to community priorities. They are dedicated to collaboratively developing community health education curricula, for both online and face-to-face train-

ing programs, through unique partnerships that meet the broader range of public health needs of diverse and severely rural and underserved populations.

The need to strengthen the healthcare workforce, particularly for underserved communities, has become far more acute over the past several years. According to new Association of American Medical Colleges, the U.S. could see a shortage of up to 124,000 physicians by 2034, and the American Hospital Association says more than 200,000 new registered nurses are needed each year to meet increasing health care needs and to replace nurses entering retirement. AHECs continue to be committed to addressing shortage areas and expanding the healthcare workforce, while maximizing diversity and facilitating distribution, especially in rural and underserved communities.

In the past 5 years, the AHEC program has trained 2 million healthcare professionals, who are prepared to deliver culturally appropriate, high-quality, team-based care, with an emphasis on primary care for rural and underserved populations.

I have developed a close relationship with and am proud to support the Nevada AHEC program. I have previously led efforts to increase funding for the national AHEC program in recent fiscal years. As highlighted throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Nevada's health workforce needs to be prepared to meet their communities' needs now more than ever. The Nevada AHEC program is one way we will be able to continue to make a significant and sustainable impact in improving healthcare services for the rural and most underserved areas of our state. By having programs that are responsive to local and community needs, and by connecting health students and professionals early on in their careers to the most vulnerable communities, the Nevada AHEC program continues to create a culturally and structurally competent health workforce to tackle the unique challenges our state faces.

On behalf of my constituents, the Nevada AHEC program and the national AHEC program more broadly, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing March 27th to March 31st as National AHEC Week.

**PATHWAY LA'S 45TH
ANNIVERSARY**

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mr. GOMEZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Pathways LA on 45 years of service to the district.

Pathways LA is a non-profit organization whose mission is to strengthen low-income and vulnerable working families, promote high quality early care and education services for children of all abilities, develop knowledgeable early care providers and promote economically resilient communities. Since its founding Pathways LA has been committed to the healthy development and school readiness of young children from disadvantaged communities.

With a staff of more than 60 individuals who reflect the linguistic and cultural composition of the families they serve, Pathways LA assists thousands of families and children every year,

while continuing to support and train more than 950 childcare providers.

Driven by data and innovation, Pathways LA's experts support the continuum of care that includes parents, childcare providers, community partners and policymakers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating the 45th anniversary of Pathways LA.

IN MEMORY OF SUPREME COURT
CHIEF JUSTICE JACK HOLT, JR.

HON. J. FRENCH HILL

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Arkansas Supreme Court Chief Justice, Jack Holt, Jr., who passed away on March 5, 2023.

Former Chief Justice Holt began his career in the United States Air Force, where he achieved the rank of Colonel.

He then went on to work in Arkansas as a deputy prosecutor, chief assistant attorney general, and ultimately served as our Chief Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court for 10 years, from 1985 to 1995.

Jack Holt will be remembered for his significant contributions to the modern justice system that exists in Arkansas, including the creation of our juvenile courts.

Justice Holt is accredited with setting up the essential parts of our court systems.

His advancement of the education requirement for attorneys and creation of more staff positions to help circuit court judges has greatly improved the effectiveness of justice in my state.

I thank Chief Justice Holt for his many years of service and contributions to the state of Arkansas.

His legacy truly lives on.

My prayers of comfort are with his wife Jane, their family and their friends.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF
CHARLES VERNON PARKER

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of Charles Vernon Parker of Austin, Texas. Charlie, to his friends and family. Over the last three decades, Charlie Parker has been a leader in the business community, in construction, real estate, and many other areas. Charlie's companies have completed massive projects across the United States, providing jobs and opportunities to dozens of Americans.

Beyond Charlie's vast accomplishments in the business world, he has been one of our Nation's greatest advocates and leaders in drug and alcohol addiction recovery. As a person in long-term recovery, Charlie has been clean and sober since 1984, and in the three decades since, he has traveled the world with his wife and best friend Katie, as one of the most sought-after addiction recovery motivational speakers. Despite hundreds of thou-

sands of CDs of his motivational talks being sold across the world, Charlie never accepted any fees or gratuities, seeing helping people achieve sobriety as God's calling for his life. To date, thousands of men across the world attribute their freedom from addiction to Charlie Parker.

Charlie Parker served on the board of directors of Austin Recovery and was a large benefactor of dozens of charitable organizations and was an active member of his Christian church.

Recently diagnosed with a terminal illness, Mr. Parker is spending his final chapter still actively working with the men he mentors and being a force for God, and a force for good every day in our Nation, as well as spending time with his loved ones, his daughters Sadie and Grace, his grandchildren, and his loving wife, Katie.

Mr. Speaker, I am thankful to commemorate the life of Charles Vernon Parker.

CONGRATULATING MAJOR LLOYD
M. ALAIMALO

HON. AUMUA AMATA COLEMAN RADEWAGEN

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mrs. RADEWAGEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Major Lloyd M. Alaimalo on his retirement from the United States Army. Major Alaimalo has had an illustrious career lasting over 30 years serving both on active duty and in the reserves. In American Samoa, our men and women of the Armed Forces are very important to us. The people of our islands take great pride in being patriotic Americans and our people are known for a high rate of service in our military. Major Alaimalo serves as a prime example of this type of dedication, and I would like to recognize all the work he has done on behalf of the United States and our people. MAJ Alaimalo was born in Long Beach, California but his home is the village of Vatia, American Samoa. His career began when he enlisted in the Army in June of 1990 as a cannon crewmember. He has had multiple overseas tours and deployments including assignments in Greece, Iraq, and Kuwait. His first duty assignment as an officer was with the 542nd Support Maintenance Company, 80th Ordnance Battalion at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA. His last assignment before retiring was Assistant Product Manager for Joint Program Protection (JPM-P), Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Defense (JPEO CBRND) at Stafford, VA. In between those milestones he served his nation well in a variety of leadership roles and was an exemplary soldier. MAJ Alaimalo's awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal with four campaign stars, the Global War on Terrorism Expedition Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Combat Action Badge. In congratulating this outstanding officer today, we also express our deep appreciation to all who serve, including the many in uniform from American Samoa serving with distinction all

over the world. I thank MAJ Alaimalo, for his outstanding leadership and his commitment to our Soldiers, American Samoa, and our great Nation. and I thank his wife, Elisapeta Leilani Areta, and their son, Ropeti, for supporting Lloyd while he served his country. "God bless and good health." Fa'amanuia le Atua i ou ala. Soifua.

RECOGNIZING MAYOR TOM REID

HON. TROY E. NEHLS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mr. NEHLS. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize the great Tom Reid, who was recently honored with a post office in my district. Mayor Reid has led a life of service to Pearland, the great state of Texas, and this country.

Tom has an impressive resume. He served in the United States Navy during World War II and worked for NASA's Johnson Space Center.

He also served as the Mayor of Pearland for nearly four decades.

Spending more than 50 years in government, Tom served on the City Council and municipal boards. As one of the longest-serving elected city officials in the area, he was Mayor from 1978 through 1990. In 1993, he successfully ran for re-election and held the position until his recent retirement in 2020.

During his time as Mayor, Tom ensured the city of Pearland had the infrastructure it needed.

Without the passion, grit, and determination that Tom embodies, Pearland would not be where it is today.

There's no doubt that the legacy of Mayor Reid will live on in the city of Pearland for years to come.

I am honored to recognize the dedication of a post office in recognition of his selfless service.

I thank Mr. Reid for his heartfelt contributions to the great city of Pearland. May his service inspire others to do the same for future generations to come.

REMEMBERING SAMUEL S. LIONEL

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mr. SWALWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Congresswoman TITUS, in remembrance of Samuel Lionel, who passed away at the age of 103, after a remarkable legal career.

For decades, Sam represented one of the largest law firms in Nevada, fighting for issues critical to the state, including tourism and economic development.

Sam was passionate about law from the start. He studied at St. John's University in Brooklyn, New York. He graduated from the University and later received honorary doctorate law degrees from St. John's, UNLV, and California Western School of Law. Sam retired as a Lieutenant Colonel and JAG officer in the Army. During World War II he was stationed in North Africa and Italy and taught at West Point

for his last three years of active duty. He was also stationed at the Pentagon for three years while working as a JAG officer.

Sam subsequently moved to Nevada to practice law, and in 1967, founded the law firm Lionel, Sawyer, Collins (LSC) with former Governor of Nevada Grant Sawyer as his partner. LSC gained a national reputation for its representation of the Las Vegas hotel owners and other notable figures. Sam was also Chairman of the Board of the Nevada Bar and a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He argued three significant cases in the Supreme Court and served as a member of the Ninth Circuit Senior Advisory Board of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals judicial council.

In addition to his notable career, Sam was also active in the philanthropic community. He was a member of Congregation Ner Tamid and a key supporter of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, endowing the namesake Samuel S. Lionel Professor of Intellectual Property Law position at the William S. Boyd School of Law.

Sam leaves behind a legacy as one of the greatest American trial lawyers. He is survived by his wife Lexy Lionel; his daughter, Dana, and her four sons, Shaun (Kylee), Christopher, Austin, and Andrew (Courtney); two great-grandchildren, Katelyn and Kiera; four stepsons, Hal Barber IV (Laura), Zachary Capp, Joshua Capp, and Daniel Capp; four step-grandchildren, Neil Uchitel (Carla), Rachel Uchitel, Stoney Barber, Missy Barber; and several great-grand-children, nieces, and a nephew.

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF ROGER SEAVER

HON. MIKE GARCIA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the retirement and commend the service of Roger Seaver, an individual who has helped transform Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital from a local center for great healthcare into a world-renowned institution at the forefront of quality patient services. After five decades of hard work and contributions to Southern California hospitals he will be enjoying his well-deserved retirement with his wife Rizalina, his three children, and two grandchildren.

After serving in the Army and graduating from the University of South Dakota. Roger first began working in the health care field in 1973. He soon worked his way through several other prestigious Los Angeles area hospitals including Glendale Memorial Hospital and Northridge Hospital, making vital contributions to their operations and success. However, as a community we are blessed by the fact that he made his greatest contributions as Chief Executive Officer at Henry Mayo Hospital.

Under his leadership for two decades, Henry Mayo has become one of the most prestigious and successful hospitals in California, prioritizing the best care for their pa-

tients and the best treatment for their staff. Since 2001, Henry Mayo has not only grown in size, but also in the range of services they provide to the Santa Clarita community and the 27th District at large. He has championed advances such as a new breast center, a new cardiovascular center, a neonatal intensive care center, an expanded ICU and emergency department, and a state-of-the-art patient tower. Perhaps most importantly, he steered the hospital through the COVID-19 pandemic, when hospitals all around the country were struggling to meet the needs of their community. In the case of Henry Mayo, thanks to Roger our communities needs were not only met, but our expectations were also exceeded.

I cannot commend Roger enough for his service to California's 27th District. We thank him for his stewardship of Henry Mayo Hospital, and while we will miss him, his retirement and the opportunity to spend more time with friends and loved ones is certainly deserved after a long and successful career.

HONORING THE CHATHAM, NEW YORK PANTHERS VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM

HON. MARCUS J. MOLINARO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Chatham, New York Panthers Varsity Basketball team for their recent attainment of 2nd place in the New York State Class C Regional Final.

After a magical run this season, they deserve to be recognized for their hard work and perseverance. This achievement is a record for Chatham, a feat that they should be very proud of.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in recognizing Chatham for this remarkable achievement.

RECOGNIZING THE METUCHEN DOWNTOWN ALLIANCE '2023 GREAT AMERICAN MAIN STREET OF THE YEAR' DESIGNATION

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Borough of Metuchen and the Metuchen Downtown Alliance on its selection as a 2023 Great American Main Street of the Year recipient. I am proud to join with Metuchen Downtown Alliance members, borough officials, and residents in celebrating this achievement.

Since its launch in 1995, the Great American Main Street Award (GAMSA) program has recognized over one hundred Main Street communities that have made significant improvements to their business districts. Finalists exemplify Main Street America's mission to revitalize downtowns through thoughtful, innovative, and collaborative measures. This year,

the Metuchen Downtown Alliance was selected as one of three winners and joins only two other New Jersey communities in receiving this designation.

Established in 2016, the Metuchen Downtown Alliance (MDA) is a volunteer-based non-profit organization led by its Executive Director, Dawn Mackey. In seven short years, MDA has transformed Metuchen's downtown and attracted more businesses, residents, and visitors to the area. The business district has seen its vacancy rate drop from 20% in 2016 to an all-time low, single-digit vacancy rate today. The diverse shops and restaurants, along with a wide array of programs and events, reflect the diversity and inclusive environment of the greater community.

Through its initiatives, investments, and partnerships, MDA has revitalized Main Street, improved streetscapes and adapted to changing needs, while maintaining the historic charm of the town. From the creation of Town Plaza to the ongoing development of an Arts District, Metuchen continues its growth. The efforts of the borough and MDA underscore how strong leadership, community involvement, and targeted improvements can maintain sustained economic vitality and prosperity.

Mr. Speaker, it is truly a joyous occasion to recognize the success of the Metuchen Downtown Alliance and the leadership of the Borough of Metuchen. This honor celebrates the resiliency and dedication of the community and I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me in applauding this recognition.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JEANNE ELLEN PATTERSON

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Jeanne Ellen Patterson. Mrs. Patterson was born on April 5, 1935, in Chicago, Illinois, to Frank Patterson and Dorothy Grace Patterson.

In her early years, she grew up on a farm in Virginia where she learned the value of a hard day's work and a quality education. Mrs. Patterson attended Brigham Young University for her undergraduate degree and continued her studies by pursuing postgraduate work at the University of Arizona, the University of California in Los Angeles, and the National Autonomous University of Mexico. Her passion was politics, and she worked as a consultant to two U.S. Senators, a Mexican Federal Senator, a U.S. Governor, and the President of the United States.

Even as Mrs. Patterson excelled in her career, her main priority was always her family, whom she loved very much. She enjoyed knitting sweaters, painting portraits, writing, and spending time with her children. Most importantly, she loved cooking for her family, who were very fond of her culinary talents.

I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize Mrs. Patterson's amazing life and service. She will be dearly missed by her friends, family, and all who knew her.

HONORING FORMER
REPRESENTATIVE BOB CARR

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge a fellow Midwesterner and former colleague from the state of Michigan, Bob Carr, on his 80th birthday. Bob has spent a lifetime in public service and education and continues to have a lasting impact on our institution.

Bob served this body for 18 years, representing Michigan's 6th and 8th Congressional Districts. During his time in Congress, he proudly served on the Armed Services Committee and then on Appropriations, where he worked to end the United States' military involvement in Southeast Asian conflicts.

After leaving Congress, Bob continued on the path of public service both at the Association of Former Members of Congress and with the Brookings LEGIS Fellows program. Every step along the way, he has improved the political discourse and helped hundreds of civil servants get an inside perspective of this institution we love, thereby fostering more constructive engagement between the executive and legislative branches of government. His career has helped set an example for all of us on how to work together to improve our government and our country.

Both my constituents and I personally have benefitted from the high caliber of professionalism and expertise of LEGIS Fellows who have served, and continue to serve, each year on my staff.

Happy Birthday to Bob, and I thank him for his continued public service and enduring contributions to this Nation.

THANKING MARISA BURLESON
FOR HER SERVICE TO KANSAS

HON. JAKE LATURNER

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mr. LATURNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in appreciation for a member of my staff for her dedicated service to the people of Kansas. From day one of my first term in Congress, Marisa Burleson has served the Second Congressional District as Director of Operations in Washington, D.C., with commitment and distinction.

Marisa's knowledge, hard work, diligence, and grit have ensured my office is serving Kansans to the best of our ability. She lent her experience to help first organize the office, has consistently exceeded the expectations of constituents and colleagues, and has continuously solved seemingly unsolvable scheduling conflicts. Marisa is a fervid Texan, but we have been proud to have her and will continue to be proud to have her as an honorary Kansan and look forward to seeing her excel in her new endeavors.

RECOGNIZING JACK FAEGRE

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Jack Oliver Faegre. His familiar face, engaging personality and the guidance he regularly provided will be missed within the Robson Ranch community and among local voters who knew him for his faithful service each cycle.

While widely known within Denton County, like many North Texans, Jack became a proud Texan after spending most of his youth in the Midwest. Jack was born June 15, 1934 to Selmer Albert Faegre and Mabel Lucile Monroe in Jefferson Township, Allamakee County, Iowa. He graduated from Iowa State University with an Engineering Degree and served as an officer in the Army Corps of Engineers from 1959 to 1969; retiring as a Captain.

After serving in the Corps, Jack settled in Texas to raise his family, working initially at Texas Instruments in Dallas before moving to other engineering roles at Frito-Lay and Rockwell International. A lifelong supporter of the Dallas Cowboys, Jack was also an avid skier in his younger years and loved taking ski vacations with his family. He eventually retired from Rockwell International and settled into the Robson Ranch Community just outside of Denton.

During his retirement years, he was highly active in Denton County elections as an Election Judge and served as Republican Precinct Chair for Robson Ranch, the only person to hold that office in his precinct. One of his passions was making sure that the people in his community had an opportunity to vote. He was very instrumental in convincing the Robson executives to allow the clubhouse to be a polling site for Early and Election Day Voting.

The void Jack leaves will be felt by his family, friends, and all who knew him. I extend my deepest sympathies to his wife, Creeda, and his entire family. I join them in the appreciation of his memory and in celebrating the long-term impact he had on the lives and communities where he was so actively engaged.

CELEBRATING THE CAREER OF
MAYOR MICHAEL BOEHM

HON. SHARICE DAVIDS

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the career of Mr. Michael Boehm, five-term Mayor of the City of Lenexa, Kansas. Mayor Boehm was first elected in April of 2003, after being appointed to the position in January of the same year while serving on the Lenexa City Council. Mr. Boehm is a lifelong Kansas resident, graduating from Olathe High School in 1978 and the University of Kansas in 1982.

Mayor Boehm has been a devoted public servant and transformed the City of Lenexa during his tenure as Mayor. Under his leadership, Lenexa annexed 2,172 acres of land and grew by over 20,000 residents, while the Mayor spearheaded the economic moderniza-

tion of the city through a series of infrastructure projects.

In 2007, the City of Lenexa and the Kansas Department of Transportation began making improvements to West 87th Street Parkway and the U.S. 69 and Interstate-35 exchange. This project was the catalyst for the revitalization of downtown Lenexa. In 2017, under Mayor Boehm's leadership, the City opened the new Civic Center, relocating City Hall and establishing both the Lenexa Recreation Center and the Lenexa Public Market.

The completion of 87th Street Parkway led to the development of the nearby Lenexa City Center, a now thriving business, living, and entertainment district. In addition to the Public Market and the Rec Center, Lenexa City Center has since grown to include an aquatic center, a Johnson County Public Library branch, and the Park University Lenexa campus.

While Mayor of Lenexa, Mr. Boehm concurrently served on the Lenexa Chamber of Commerce Board, the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Board of Directors, the Johnson County Community College Foundation Board of Directors, and the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Mayor Boehm is also an active member of the Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Lenexa, Kansas.

Most recently, in October of 2022, Mayor Boehm received the Excellence in Government Award from the Kansas League of Municipalities. This award honors excellence and leadership at the highest level, demonstrated outstanding service to the awardee's city, and an active commitment to strong local government. I cannot think of better words to encapsulate Mr. Boehm's twenty-year career as Mayor of Lenexa.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mayor Boehm on his illustrious tenure as Mayor of Lenexa, Kansas. Mayor Boehm will continue his work as senior vice president at Commerce Bank. I wish Mayor Boehm a peaceful and prosperous retirement from the City of Lenexa and thank him for his public service.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MARVIN
KAHN

HON. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Marvin Kahn, a proud champion of Florida's citrus industry.

Marvin was born in Sebring, Florida on April 18, 1933. From his earliest days, he grew to appreciate his family's orange groves with his sister and two brothers. It was clear from an early age that Marvin was on track to do great things in our community's agricultural sector. He developed a keen interest in both oranges and cattle. In high school, he joined the Future Farmers of America, served on student council and was elected as a class officer each year.

Marvin pursued an agricultural education at the University of Florida, where he graduated in 1956 with a major in Animal Science and a minor in Citrus. It was there that he met his future wife, Elsa Babette Kessler. They later had two children, Steven and Leah.

After graduating, Marvin put his expertise into practice by developing a cattle ranch in Hardee County. He and Elsa lived there for two years before moving back home to Sebring to manage his family's groves. He then founded Kahn Groves, Inc. to manage his family's property. Marvin later expanded his operations by launching Kahn Grove Services in 1969 to care for properties in Highlands, Hardee and Polk counties. He quickly developed a reputation as a "grower's grower" thanks to his philosophy of providing personalized service for his customers.

Marvin served on the Florida Citrus Commission from 1971 to 1979 at a time when the industry was booming. He was a member of the Highlands County and Florida Farm Bureau for more than 65 years, serving as president of the board. He also served as president of the Highlands County Cattleman's Association and First President of the Florida Beef Council. Marvin was deeply committed to FFA and was a founding member of the Highlands County 4-H Club Foundation. He was honored for his significant contributions to Florida agriculture with his induction into the Florida Citrus Hall of Fame in 2018.

On behalf of Florida's 18th Congressional District, I know that Marvin will be deeply missed by our community. But his contributions will be remembered by his friends, family and neighbors for years to come.

HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF OPERATION HOMECOMING

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 50th anniversary of Operation Homecoming, the vital mission to safely return American Prisoners of War from Vietnam to America. These American Prisoners of War displayed extraordinary fortitude and bravery, exemplifying the best of America through their resilience and selflessness in the face of adversity and hardship.

In 1973, as part of the Paris Peace Accords, 591 American Prisoners of War held by North Vietnam were freed and safely returned to American soil. The first group of 20 former Prisoners of War released from the prison camps in North Vietnam landed at Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield, California. Over 300 family members were present to welcome home these valiant and loyal servicemembers. I have listened to countless stories from this group of brave individuals that exemplify the character, leadership, and bravery that is cultivated at Travis Air Force Base.

Service records only scratch the surface of the courage American Prisoners of War exhibited during their captivity in North Vietnam. These individuals demonstrated remarkable endurance and heroism while being forced to withstand harsh conditions and cruel treatment. The valiant servicemembers that returned during Operation Homecoming epitomize the values of perseverance and patriotism.

On behalf of a grateful country and all the constituents of California's Eighth Congressional District, I would like to honor the 50th

anniversary of Operation Homecoming and extend my sincere gratitude to all American Prisoners of War freed through this mission, for their sacrifice and contributions to the defense of this great country.

RECOGNIZING VA MEDICAL CENTER DIRECTOR KEVIN FORREST FOR RECEIVING THE SECRETARY'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN NURSING

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of VA Medical Center Director Kevin Forrest for receiving the Secretary's Award for Excellence in Nursing. Every year since 1984, the Department of Veterans Affairs has awarded several outstanding individuals with this great honor. These individuals are directors, nursing executives, registered nurses, licensed practical or vocational nurses, and nursing assistants, all actively involved in patient care. They are nominated by their peers and go through a rigorous review process.

This year, one of the awardees is New Hampshire's very own Kevin Forrest. Since first joining the VA in 2012, Kevin has been a tireless advocate for Veterans' health all across New England and now in Manchester, New Hampshire. His previous experience combined with his ability to build relationships at the medical center have been key elements in his leadership strategy. He has run the Manchester VAMC with confidence, providing care to over 30,000 Veterans all across New Hampshire. His guidance helped the center overcome many challenges throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, and was appreciated by Veterans, employees, and the community alike.

I look forward to seeing all that Kevin and the Manchester VAMC accomplish in the years to come. I am confident that the Veterans of Manchester, and all of New Hampshire, will continue to benefit from Kevin's leadership. On behalf of the constituents of New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I commend Kevin for receiving this high honor, and I commend his amazing staff for making the Manchester VAMC one of the best-run veteran medical centers in the country. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was unable to cast my vote against H.R. 5, the so-called "Parents Bill of Rights Act" on March 24, 2023, due to my ongoing recovery from surgery. Had I been present, I would have voted NO on Roll Call 161.

We should encourage all parents to be engaged in their child's education and active in their school community, but H.R. 5—under the guise of parental rights—undermines our public education system.

Instead of working to keep children safe in the classroom, provide better wages for teachers, and empower students of all backgrounds to learn more about the world around them, Republicans would rather help far-right extremists whitewash history in public schools.

Our children deserve to learn without being caught in divisive culture wars. These partisan attacks on our students, particularly LGBTQ+ and minority students, need to stop.

CELEBRATING THE SCHOOL RENAMING IN HONOR OF THE LATE MRS. ROSE MARY BILLIPS LOVING

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to an outstanding, cherished public servant from my home State of Louisiana. Mrs. Rose Mary Loving, born Rose Mary Billips, was the first African-American woman elected to the Orleans Parish School Board and served from 1977 to 1989. Mrs. Loving was elected board president in 1982, 1983 and 1985. She was also a former director of the Algiers-Fischer Community Center.

Even before her election to the board, Mrs. Loving was involved with the public schools for two decades as a committed parent and was also active in Chapter 1, a federal program providing remedial education to schools in low-income areas.

At her last board meeting, she was honored by school officials, employees and other well-wishers. Mrs. Loving pointed out her 15-year-old granddaughter in the audience to show that she had a special reason to stay involved with the schools. "I'm not going very far," she said. This weekend, we continue to recognize Mrs. Rose Mary's unwavering commitment and numerous contributions to the school system, naming a local elementary school in her honor.

Nearly a year ago, New Orleans Public School System responded to public requests to rename school facilities. This renaming is in accordance with policy approved by the Orleans Parish School Board to ensure school facilities do not have names honoring figures from our painful past. The board believed all schools should be welcoming, inclusive, and inspiring places for all students. The goal was to ensure the names of these physical school facilities and the people that we honor reflect the values of the school district, like Mrs. Loving did throughout her life and her time serving on the board.

As their policy states, the OPSB is fundamentally opposed to retaining names of school facilities named after persons who were slave owners, confederate officials, or segregation supporters.

After months of public input, hundreds of name considerations and historical research, the Orleans Parish School Board unanimously voted and approved NOLA Public Schools list of recommendations for the renaming of several public-school buildings.

The District received more than 250 name recommendations that were vetted and considered. Mrs. Rose Mary Loving's name is replacing Martin Behrman, a former slave

owner, and she is one of 24 selected honorees that are now listed as the historic names of school properties.

Mrs. Lovings dedication to her community is evident through the many accolades she was awarded in her lifetime. A longtime volunteer and community activist, Mrs. Loving was known for her work with the elderly and low-income families. She was the first president of the Metropolitan School Boards Association. She was a two-term member of the city's Human Relations Committee and served on former Mayor Ernest N. "Dutch" Morial's commission to chart a course for the city's future. She was a co-founder of the Emergency Fund for United Churches of Algiers, and in 1982 she received the Torch of Liberty Award from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Mrs. Loving was a former member of the deaconess board at St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church in Algiers. Rose Mary was even awarded an honorary Doctor of Education by Xavier University of Louisiana.

Rose Mary Loving was born in Kenner and lived in Algiers at the time of her passing. Her impact in this community throughout her 82 years of life continues to be felt still to this day.

I am honored to have personally known Mrs. Rose Mary Loving. I am especially humbled knowing that her name will be honored on a school within Louisiana's Second Congressional District.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CODE RETURNING CITIZENS COORDINATION ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the District of Columbia Code Returning Citizens Coordination Act, which would require the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to provide information to the District of Columbia government on individuals convicted of felonies under D.C. law in BOP custody. Currently, BOP provides no information to D.C. on these individuals, even immediately before release, which inhibits reentry, increases recidivism and harms public safety. Last Congress, the Committee on Oversight and Reform passed this bill.

Federal law requires BOP to incarcerate individuals convicted of felonies under D.C. law. There are currently 3,200 such individuals in BOP custody, and they are located in prisons throughout the United States. This unique custody arrangement creates several obstacles to successful reentry, including information sharing among agencies.

BOP asserts that federal privacy laws prohibit it from providing any information to D.C. on these individuals, which prevents D.C. from having services ready for them when they return from prison. Yet, studies consistently show the importance of health care, housing, education, job training and substance use disorder treatment for successful reentry.

This bill would require BOP to provide D.C. 2 types of information on each individual convicted of a D.C. Code felony in BOP custody. Every 90 days, BOP would provide the name, age, Federal Register Number, facility where

housed and the scheduled release date. Upon D.C.'s request, BOP would provide D.C. the same information that BOP provides to the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia (CSOSA) on these individuals, such as their release plan. CSOSA is a federal agency that supervises individuals convicted of D.C. Code felonies on supervised release and parole.

D.C. would be allowed to provide the biographical information only to counsel for the individuals, and to organizations that provide legal representation to individuals in criminal or post-conviction matters, or in matters related to reentry. D.C. would not be allowed to provide any of the other information, and D.C. law enforcement agencies would not have access to any of the information.

The overwhelming majority of people in prison return home. I hope everyone agrees on the importance of successful reentry.

I ask my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING THE NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Vietnam War Veterans Day and the hundreds of Vietnam veterans across New Hampshire who bravely served in all branches of our Armed Forces. Fifty years ago, on March 29, 1973, the last U.S. combat troops departed Vietnam and the remaining American prisoners of war were released.

On this day, in accordance with the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act, we remember and honor the more than seven million U.S. Vietnam War veterans who served from November 1955 to May 1975. We solemnly commemorate their sacrifices as part of a national effort to stand with these remarkable individuals and thank them for their service and sacrifice.

We also honor the tens of thousands of Americans who were wounded in the conflict, the 1,253 missing in action heroes who have not yet been returned to American soil, and the 2,500 Americans taken as prisoners of war.

The veterans of the Vietnam War come from all walks of life, but are united by the common thread of service to their country and in defense of democracy. As a Nation, it is important for us to not just offer our thanks whenever possible but to ensure that Vietnam veterans get the care and help they need. Because sentiments and platitudes ring hollow without action to ensure that our veterans get the care, services and respect they have earned.

As President Kennedy said of those who have served in uniform: "as we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." That is why, as the Representative for New Hampshire's First Congressional District and a member of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, I remain committed to ensuring that all veterans, in New Hampshire and across the country, have access to the care and benefits their service has earned.

Our Vietnam veterans play an essential role in our communities when they return from service. They are teachers, first responders, and members of law enforcement. They volunteer for local organizations, serve in local government, and inspire the next generation of Americans to give back to their country.

On behalf of the constituents of New Hampshire's First Congressional District, I salute the bravery of all New Hampshire Vietnam veterans, and I urge my fellow Granite Staters to thank the veterans in their lives for their service and find ways to continue to pay down the debt that we all share for that sacrifice.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PASTOR DWIGHT ALLEN PRUITT

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, March 27, 2023

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a beloved community leader, Pastor Dwight Allen Pruitt of Dayton, Texas, who passed away on February 23, 2023, at 62 years old.

Pastor Pruitt was born on November 24, 1961, in Dayton, Texas, to the late Eural and Lois Lee Pruitt. As a young man, he was heavily influenced by his grandmother, Vester Lee Earls, who shared the gospel with him. Her testimony and lessons led him to accept Christ at an early age.

In the early 1990s, Dwight felt called to enter ministry. While attending St. Miles Missionary Baptist Church in Ames, Texas, he preached his first sermon. In time, Pastor Pruitt was ordained and called to serve as Pastor of St. Miles Missionary Baptist Church, a congregation he led for nearly 13 years.

In 2004, Pastor Pruitt obtained a Bachelor of Theology degree from the United Christian Theological Institution in Houston, Texas. During his tenure at St. Miles, he implemented Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), Narcotics Anonymous (NA), and a prison outreach program, all of which still exist today and minister to the needs of Liberty County residents.

In addition to his ministry, Pastor Pruitt was devoted to and an advocate for his community. After serving on the Dayton City Council from 2012 to 2017, he was elected again in 2022 and was a member until his passing. He was also a member of the Liberty County Hospital District No. 1 Board, the Dayton Community Development Corporation, the City of Dayton Park Board, and retired from the Liberty County Appraisal District.

Mr. Speaker, it was a privilege to know and work with Pastor Dwight Pruitt. I will always appreciate his faith and leadership in our community, and my most sincere prayers remain with his family, friends, and church congregation during this difficult time.

USO ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Monday, March 27, 2023

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, I was grateful to attend the

United Service Organizations (USO) 2023, 41st Annual Awards Dinner at The Anthem, presented by The Boeing Company.

I had the distinct pleasure of meeting Mr. J.D. Crouch who serves as the President and CEO of USO. Additionally, I had the honor of watching all the USO Service Members of the Year from each of the military services receive their awards from their respective military service chiefs for their unique acts of heroism.

The honorees were the following service members: U.S. Army Sergeant Erick Ceja, U.S. Navy Cryptologist Seaman Ty Knight, U.S. Marine Corps-Corporal Alec Cruz, U.S. Air Force Staff Sergeant Blake Metscher, U.S. Space Force Sergeant Octavio Castruita, U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer Second Class Jacob Flores, and U.S. National Guard Specialist Solomon J. Doss. I am grateful for each of these members and their steadfast dedication to our military families and the defense of our country.

The USO Achievement Award was presented to Washington Commanders Coach Ron Rivera for his high standard of military appreciation and commitment to educating the National Football League community members on the significance of supporting our military and their families.

The extraordinary program of deserved tributes was concluded by a stunning production of "God Bless the USA" by the beloved patriot Lee Greenwood.

We appreciate each of this year's award recipients for their service to the American people and the United Service Organizations' support of U.S. troops since war criminal Putin's invasion of Ukraine.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF HOWARD "CORKY" FORD CLARK

HON. MARCUS J. MOLINARO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Howard "Corky" Clark who passed away on March 9th of this year. Howard was a devoted father, husband, Navy veteran, and pillar of his community.

Howard will long be remembered for many meaningful contributions he made to his community of Tivoli, New York. Along with being an incredibly accomplished chef, he served as an EMT, lifetime volunteer firefighter, member of the American Legion, and Village of Tivoli Justice.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring the memory of Howard "Corky" Clark. While we mourn his passing, we celebrate his life and the legacy he leaves behind. May his life and memory always be a blessing.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LARRY BUCSHON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 27, 2023

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was unable to be present for votes in the House last week. My son was getting married, and I was attending his wedding festivities.

Had I been present, I would have voted: Yea on rollcall No. 144; Yea on rollcall No. 145; Yea on rollcall No. 146; Yea on rollcall No. 147; Yea on rollcall No. 148; Yea on rollcall No. 149; No on rollcall No. 150; No on rollcall No. 151; No on rollcall No. 152; Yea on rollcall No. 153; Yea on rollcall No. 154; No on rollcall No. 155; No on rollcall No. 156; No on rollcall No. 157; No on rollcall No. 158; No on rollcall No. 159; No on rollcall No. 160; Yea on rollcall No. 161; and Yea on rollcall No. 162.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, March 28, 2023 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 29

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of the Interior.

SD-124

Committee on Armed Services
Subcommittee on Cybersecurity

To hold hearings to examine enterprise cybersecurity to protect the Department of Defense Information Networks.

SR-232A

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of Agriculture.

SD-192

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine the cost of oil dependence in a low-carbon world.

SD-608/VTC

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine advancing next generation aviation technologies.

SR-253

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the EPA Good Neighbor rule, focusing on healthier air for downwind states.

SD-406

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the need to end illegal union busting at Starbucks.

SD-G50

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 670, to improve services for trafficking victims by establishing, in Homeland Security Investigations, the Investigators Maintain Purposeful Awareness to Combat Trafficking Trauma Program and the Victim Assistance Program, S. 311, to correct the inequitable denial of enhanced retirement and annuity benefits to certain U.S. Customs and Border Protection Officers, S. 285, to provide for the perpetuation, administration, and funding of Federal Executive Boards, S. 264, to amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to require certain disclosures by registrants regarding exemptions under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, S. 211, to authorize the Administrator of General Services to establish an enhanced use lease pilot program, S. 709, to improve performance and accountability in the Federal Government, S. 717, to improve plain writing and public experience, S. 666, to amend title 31, United States Code, to require the Chief Operating Officer of each agency to compile a list of unnecessary programs, S. 824, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a national risk management cycle, S. 884, to establish a Government-wide approach to improving digital identity, S. 885, to establish a Civilian Cybersecurity Reserve in the Department of Homeland Security as a pilot project to address the cybersecurity needs of the United States with respect to national security, S. 479, to modify the fire management assistance cost share, S. 780, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to analyze certain legislation in order to prevent duplication of and overlap with existing Federal programs, offices, and initiatives, S. 108, to require a guidance clarity statement on certain agency guidance, S. 111, to require each agency, in providing notice of a rule-making, to include a link to a 100-word plain language summary of the proposed rule, S. 349, to amend title 5, United States Code, to authorize the appointment of spouses of members of the Armed Forces who are on active duty, disabled, or deceased to positions in which the spouses will work remotely, S. 243, to require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to establish procedures for conducting maintenance projects at ports of entry at which the Office of Field Operations conducts certain enforcement and facilitation activities, S. 310, to establish an advisory group to encourage and foster collaborative efforts among individuals and entities engaged in disaster recovery relating to debris removal, S. 257, to prohibit contracting with persons that have business operations with the Maduro regime, S. 206, to require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to regularly review and update policies and manuals related to inspections at ports of entry, S. 679, to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to require Federal agencies to submit to the Comptroller General of the United

States a report on rules that are revoked, suspended, replaced, amended, or otherwise made ineffective, S. 829, to amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to clarify a provision relating to certain contents of registrations under that Act, S. 794, to require a pilot program on the participation of non-asset-based third-party logistics providers in the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism, S. 931, to improve the visibility, accountability, and oversight of agency software asset management practices, S. 917, to establish the duties of the Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency regarding open source software security, S. 945, to provide for joint reports by relevant Federal agencies to Congress regarding incidents of terrorism, S. 932, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the halt in pension payments for Members of Congress sentenced for certain offenses, and S. 933, to amend the Carl Levin and Howard P. “Buck” McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 to modify requirements relating to data centers of certain Federal agencies.

SD-562

1:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Homeland Security

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of Homeland Security.

SD-192

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Finance

Subcommittee on Health Care

To hold hearings to examine the oral health crisis, focusing on identifying and addressing health disparities.

SD-215

Committee on Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider S. 460, to amend the Indian Health Care Improve-

ment Act to establish an urban Indian organization confer policy for the Department of Health and Human Services, S. 306, to approve the settlement of the water right claims of the Tule River Tribe, S. 595, to approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Pueblos of Acoma and Laguna in the Rio San Jose Stream System and the Pueblos of Jemez and Zia in the Rio Jemez Stream System in the State of New Mexico, and S. 950, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make a technical correction to the water rights settlement for the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the future of tribal energy development, focusing on implementation of the Inflation Reduction Act and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

SD-628

Select Committee on Intelligence

To hold hearings to examine personnel vetting modernization.

SH-216

MARCH 30

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Army in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2024 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight

To hold hearings to examine petrochemicals to waste, focusing on the lifecycle,

environmental, and climate effects of plastic.

SD-406

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine pharmacy benefit managers and the prescription drug supply chain, focusing on the impact on patients and taxpayers.

SD-215

Special Committee on Aging

To hold hearings to examine guardianship and alternatives, focusing on protection and empowerment.

SD-106

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

Subcommittee on Conservation, Climate, Forestry, and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine forestry in the Farm Bill, focusing on the importance of America's forests.

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Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Nicole D. Theriot, of Louisiana, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, and Ann Marie Yastishock, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu, both of the Department of State, and other pending nominations.

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10 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the 2024 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers budget and implementation of Water Resources Development Act of 2022.

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